

Inspector-General of Education.—It is impossible to open Hebbal Farms everywhere. They involve heavy cost.

SUBJECT No. 79.

Compulsory education in rural areas.

Messrs. Manjaiya, Channarayapatna Taluk and Tirumalagiri Gowda, Hassan District Board.

Mr. Manjaiya.—In villages, arrangements have not been made for educating the children of the raiyats. Sufficient facilities should be given and the system of compulsory education introduced in all villages.

Dewan.—It is not possible to bring into operation the scheme of compulsory education in all villages. The orders on Educational Memorandum will meet this want in a great measure. The scheme will be brought into operation gradually.

SUBJECT No. 80.

Lower Secondary Examination.

Messrs. P. Muthiah and Dasgowda, Channarayapatna Taluk; P. Venkappiah, Shimoga District Board and A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk.

Mr. P. Muthiah.—The holding of a second examination may be ordered for students who have failed in the Lower Secondary Examination. Under the present system, such students have to wait for another year and as this change will further encourage education among all communities, the Lower Secondary Examination may be held, at least, once in six months.

Third Member of Council.—It is better that the students read for one more year. They can pass the examination in first class by reading the same books twice.

Mr. P. Muthiah.—The text-books prescribed in one year will not be the same the next year.

R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—In Madras and Bombay, Intermediate Examinations are held twice.

First Member of Council.—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 81.

Grant-in-aid Rules.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastri, Krishnarajpete Taluk; C. Narasimha, Heggaddevankote Taluk; N. Rajagopala Iyengar, the Bar Association, Mysore; S. Krishnaswami Rao, Mysore Taluk and M. Venkatakrishna, the Mysore University.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri.—The rules for the recognition of schools and the payment of grant-in-aid may continue as before or be modified as is laid down in the last two reports of the Education Commission without the least regard to caste, colour or creed. Grants-in-aid now given are not sufficient to maintain the schools properly. If the grants-in-aid cannot be increased, the teachers may be allowed to collect fees.

First Member of Council.—The subject is a general one relative to the revision of rules. When rules are issued, resources, total income and the extent of the deficit will be taken into account.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri.—Contributions collected from raiyats have not been fully spent. Such amounts may be utilised for other purposes.

Dewan.—The information regarding the amounts deposited has been called for and orders will be passed in the matter.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—The grant-in-aid rules may be published and the opinion of the public invited thereon.

Dewan.—They will be published.

Mr. C. Narasimhiah.—At first, the Department promised full compensation for loss of fee income and the full deficit was accordingly given. Gradually only part of the deficit was continued.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah referred to the delay in giving grants to the Sarada Vilasa Patasala, the Anglo-Sanskrit School and the Sadvidya Patasala. As regards hostels, nothing is given now towards the pay of cooks, etc.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—Grants may be given only to hostels financially sound.

Reply of Government.—The question of revising the rules of grants-in-aid to hostels is under consideration. The draft will be published for public criticism before final approval.

SUBJECT No. 82.

Increase of building accommodation for school-going children.

Messrs. K. Venkatasamiah
Mysore District Board; K. V. Narayana Rao, Nanjangud Municipality;
E. Krishnappa and Bandiah, Nanjangud Taluk.

Mr. Hutchavere Gowda.—In proportion to the increase in the number of school-going children, the building accommodation is not increased. Insanitary buildings and buildings which have no windows at all, have been selected as school buildings. Early action may therefore be taken to provide for suitable buildings. Contributions paid by villagers have been pending for a long time.

Dewan.—The information will be called for and necessary action taken.

Mr. K. V. Narayana Rao.—At present, the schools are conducted in rented buildings. Such buildings are ill-ventilated and the average space required for a student is so far decreased that the health of the students is failing. Dalavoi's building is the worst of all. Proper buildings should be provided for, or such schools as cannot accommodate the number of students available should be closed. If convenient, sheds of the size required may be put up until the buildings are provided for.

Mr. Krishnappa.—Buildings providing for ventilation and other conveniences may be constructed. It is better to abolish the schools than injure the health of the children.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao.—I don't agree. We must have simple buildings.

Mr. C. Narasimhiah.—Even offices are located in simple buildings in Cochin and Travancore.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah referred to the Santiniketan.

Dewan.—The question of altering type designs will be considered.